

PHALÆNA HEBE.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ setaceæ, a basi ad apicem sensim attenuatæ.

Alæ (sedentis) sæpius deflexæ. (Volatu nocturno.)

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PHALÆNA (*Bombyx*) elinguis, alis deflexis atris, fasciis albis, inferioribus rubris, rioullis nigris.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 820.

Bombyx alis deflexis albis nigro fasciatis, posticis sanguineis nigro maculatis.

Fab. spec. ins. 2. p. 197.

Germaniæ et aliarum Europearum regionum incolapulcherrima hæc species in insula Britannica nondum videtur fuisse conspecta. Larva est modice magna, valde hirsuta, fusca vel nigricans, subtus rufa; pupa quoque seu chrysalis nigricat.

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GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ setaceous, decreasing in size from the base to the tip.

Wings, when at rest, generally deflected.

Flight generally nocturnal.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Phalæna with deflex wings, the upper ones white with black bars, the lower red with black spots.

Mouff. ins. p. 93. f. 4, 5.

Roes. ins. 4. t. 27.

Schæff. elem. t. 98. f. 1.

This highly beautiful species is a native of Germany and some other parts of Europe, but seems not to have been hitherto observed in our own country. The larva or caterpillar is moderately large, very hairy, and of a blackish or dusky colour, rufous beneath. The chrysalis is also of a blackish cast.